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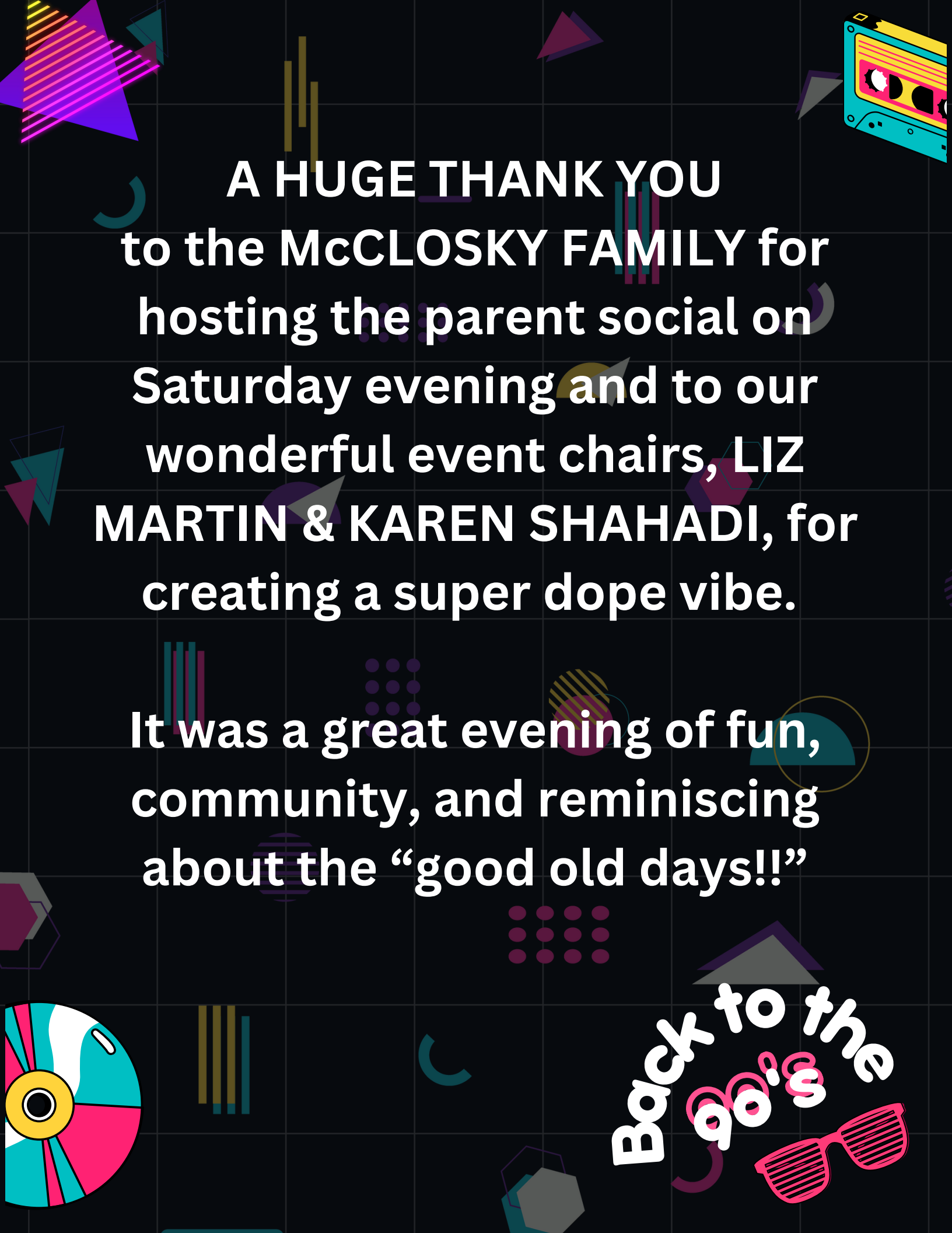
(Directory is live now for those families who have paid dues)

Join GroupSpot for the most up to date info!

Visit the app store on your smartphone and download GroupSpot. Once you've created your account, use the mobile invite link below to access your school group.

School Group Name: Travell Elementary HSA

Invite Code: z4xn



A HUGE THANK YOU
to the McCLOSKEY FAMILY for
hosting the parent social on
Saturday evening and to our
wonderful event chairs, LIZ
MARTIN & KAREN SHAHADI, for
creating a super dope vibe.

It was a great evening of fun,
community, and reminiscing
about the “good old days!!”

**Back to the
90's**



MEETING

Travell General HSA Meeting
Oct. 18, 2023, 9:00am

Tiger's Den
or
via Zoom

Meeting ID: 814 2050 5160

Passcode: 867463

**BRING ID FOR
SCHOOL ENTRY**

***The agenda will include live remarks from
BOE candidates running for seats in the
November election + approval of the FY24
HSA Budget.***

**Review the 2023-24
Travell HSA budget [HERE](#).**

Grade 5
Circus
Performance

Friday, 10/20, 6:30pm
Travell Gym

*We will have a CONCESSION STAND
for Circus guests. Cash or Venmo.*



TRAVELL WINTER DRAMA CLUB NOW OPEN!

OPEN TO
GRADES
4-5

PORCH LIGHT STUDIO, STAGE & SCHOOLS,
THE TRAVELL HSA & THE RIDGEWOOD COMMUNITY SCHOOL
present

★ ACT ★
★ SING ★
★ DANCE ★



Disney BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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A MUSICAL THEATRE PROGRAM

TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS, 3-5PM
DECEMBER 7* - FEBRUARY 9

EXTENDED DRESS REHEARSALS FEBRUARY 6 & 7, 3-6PM

PERFORMANCES FEBRUARY 8 & 9 @ 7PM

Act, sing and dance while #buildingcharacters with Porch Light!
Our unique in-school program integrates fun and engaging theatre
workshops with rehearsals for a full production all within your school!
All experience levels welcome!

*Auditions are held on the 1st day for students in grade 5 only (4th graders will not audition).

REGISTER ONLINE @ PORCHLIGHTPRODUCTIONS.ORG/ENROLL

PORCHLIGHT

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BUILDING CHARACTERS THROUGH PERFORMING ARTS EDUCATION



ENROLL
NOW!
\$285 per student
includes FREE t-shirt!



Let's do our part to feed our neighbors. We are proud to partner with Table to Table to raise money for their annual *Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch* campaign. The great thing about this program is that for every \$1 donated, we can provide 10 meals! This food nourishes thousands of children, families, seniors, and people simply trying to make ends meet.

WHAT IS BAG A LUNCH?

Bag A Lunch, Help A Bunch is a grassroots campaign that asks individuals, employees in businesses and students in schools to donate the equivalent of one day's lunch money to help Table to Table fight hunger in our communities.

WHY DONATE?

Nearly 2 million people in New Jersey are hungry, including 1 in 5 children. Every day, more families are lining up at food pantries and soup kitchens waiting for Table to Table's deliveries. This year, Table to Table will deliver more than 39 million meals. As background, Table to Table is New Jersey's first food rescue organization. Committed to feeding our hungry neighbors in northern NJ, Table to Table rescues healthy, fresh and perishable food from over 200 donors (grocery stores, food distributors, and restaurants) and delivers it, same day, free of charge (!) to over 250 community organizations, including food pantries, shelters, daycare/after school programs, senior adult centers and programs serving the working poor. In doing so, this organization nourishes the community, while also helping our environment.

DOUBLE YOUR IMPACT

All school donations, up to \$30,000, will be matched by *The Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation*. PLUS, the school in Northern NJ that raises the most will receive *The Bag a Lunch, Help a Bunch Bernard and Geraldine Segal Foundation Award for Student Philanthropy*, which recognizes the altruistic efforts within a school community. The winning school will be promoted through social media and publicity. Hurry, the match deadline is November 17, 2023!

DONATE: Click [HERE](#) to learn more and to make your contribution today.

COLLECTION BIN LOCATED OUTSIDE MAIN ENTRANCE!!

RECYCLE BEYOND THE BAG

Recycle your household bags & wrap into Trex's Earth-friendly composite decking and railing!



FROM THE STORE



✓ Produce bags

✓ Store bags

✓ Ice bags



FROM YOUR PANTRY



✓ Ziploc® & other reclosable bags

✓ Cereal box liners

✓ Case overwrap

✓ Bread bags



FROM YOUR FRONT DOOR



✓ Newspaper sleeves

✓ Dry cleaning bags

✓ Bubble wrap

✓ Plastic e-commerce mailers

Plastics must be clean, dry and free of food and organic residue



NextTrex™

trex.com/recycling 1-800-Buy-Trex



Presented by the
Travell Green
Team

COLLECTION BIN LOCATED OUTSIDE MAIN ENTRANCE!!



USED SCHOOL
SUPPLY
COLLECTION HERE!
(COMING SOON!)

PLASTIC BAG
COLLECTION IN
THESE 2 OPENINGS!



Presented by the
Travell Green Team

The Green Team is continuing to collect aluminum can tabs to donate to the Ronald McDonald House.

For those of you who are new to Travell, the tabs are then converted to cash at a scrapyard and the money goes towards operating costs for the House.

Last year we donated 30 pounds!! Let's keep it up!
This year, each classroom will have a 1 gallon jug to be filled.
First class to fill wins an EXTRA RECESS!!

Jugs will be in the classrooms by end of the month - start collecting!!

Aluminum Can Tabs

for



Ronald McDonald House[®]
of Central & Northern New Jersey





Join Us for a Special Education Virtual Coffee Chat!



October 26, 2023 at 7:30 pm



Learn from other parents. Share your experiences. Navigating the special education system is far from intuitive. It is common for parents to have difficulty advocating for their children when they “don’t know what they should know.”

Join other parents on Google Meet for an informal Q&A and discussion moderated by Meghann Bierly, the Ridgewood SEPAG’s VP-Education and Engagement.

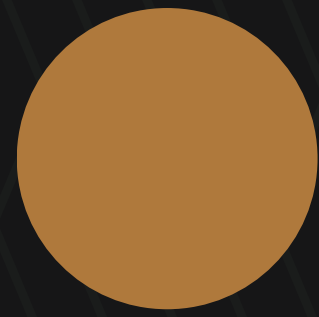
Join on Google Meet

meet.google.com/hdi-vypi-fvp

Ridgewood SEPAG

Formerly the Learning Services Home & School Association

www.RidgewoodSEPAG.org • contact@RidgewoodSEPAG.org



Sensory-Friendly Dinner

Steel Wheel Tavern

51 N. Broad St., Ridgewood

Wednesday, November 8, 2023 ✦ Arrival Window: 4-6pm

*Reduced noise and lighting ✦ Understanding wait staff ✦ Expedited service
Table activities for kids ✦ Contributions from STEPSS students ✦ And
more!*

✦✦ RSVP Required Via Eventbrite ✦✦

<https://RidgewoodSEPAGDinner.eventbrite.com>



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BASKETBALL

Travell Dads' Basketball on Monday evenings at Ben Franklin gym from 8pm to 10:30pm starting September 11th. Show up to play some hoops.

Reach out to Kent Mackzum at kmackzum52@gmail.com to be added to the email list.

**Cost is a one time donation of \$40 to Travell HSA made through Cheddar Up:
<https://travell-dads-basketball.cheddarup.com>**



BIRTHDAY BOOKS!!

Celebrate your child's birthday with a personalized book donation to the Travell library.

How it works: .

- During your child's birthday month (or June or September for summer birthdays), he or she will select a birthday book from the special collection of books chosen by Ms. DeNunzio.
- A personalized bookplate with your child's name, and birthday will be placed inside the book & your child will be the first person to check it out.

Cost to participate is \$20.00 per book

Your donation for a personalized birthday book goes to support our Travell library.

[Get Your Birthday Book Here](#)

Questions? Email Ms. DeNunzio at mdenunzio@ridgewood.k12.nj.us

It's a Birthday Book!!



Donated by:
Jane Doe
Birthday:
9/1/2023

ANNUAL FAMILY DUES

**DIRECTORY IS
LIVE**



The Travell HSA Membership Dues are a small donation we request from ALL families to help fund enrichment programs that enhance the educational experience of all Travell students. These programs include assemblies, author visits, community building events, Science Fair, International Expo, and more!

****ANNUAL DUES ARE \$35 PER FAMILY and can be paid through Community Pass (link and instructions below).***

Payment of annual dues also grants you access to the Directory where you can find your friends' and classmates' contact information. This will be live in early fall once the District has uploaded the information from Skyward.

Community Pass Link:
register.capturepoint.com/reg/login.cfm

Sign in --> "Ridgewood HSA - Travell Elementary" --> verify info on next two pages --> choose ONE of your Travell students & their teacher from the drop down --> click through to choose the DUES payment option and complete transaction.

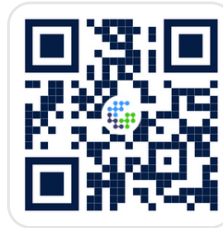
yearbook

**SUBMIT PHOTOS
FOR THE 2023-2024
YEARBOOK!**

*First Day of School, Back to School BBQ...
let's make memories!*

Travellyearbookphotos@gmail.com





HSAs on Groupspot!

Hi Parents & Sta !

Welcome back! We hope you had a terrific summer.

As you may have guessed, our schools have been extremely busy behind-the-scenes getting ready for the new school year. If we learned anything from the past few years, we need to be flexible and nimble with our communications. When things can change quickly, having access to the most up-to-date information is paramount.

To help us stay on top of these changes and elevate our weekly school news, we are once again working with Ridgewood-based company, GroupSpot. These mobile-first communications will supplement HSA News which will continue on a weekly basis by email.

Additionally, GroupSpot will continue as the home of our mobile directory. The directory will be available next month for those who pay their HSA dues. The school directory includes contact details for students and families, sta and faculty, HSA Committees, HSA Partners, and important School information as well. You can sign up and pay your dues today to start accessing school news and reserving your copy of the mobile directory.

Joining GroupSpot is easy:

Visit the app store on your smartphone and download GroupSpot. Once you've created your account, use the mobile invite link below to access your school group.

Download the GroupSpot app from your respective app store

Open the app & create a GroupSpot account

Use the invite code below to access the group

Answer a few background questions & request to join **School Directory**

Once approved, start enjoying your new app **Travell Elementary HSA**



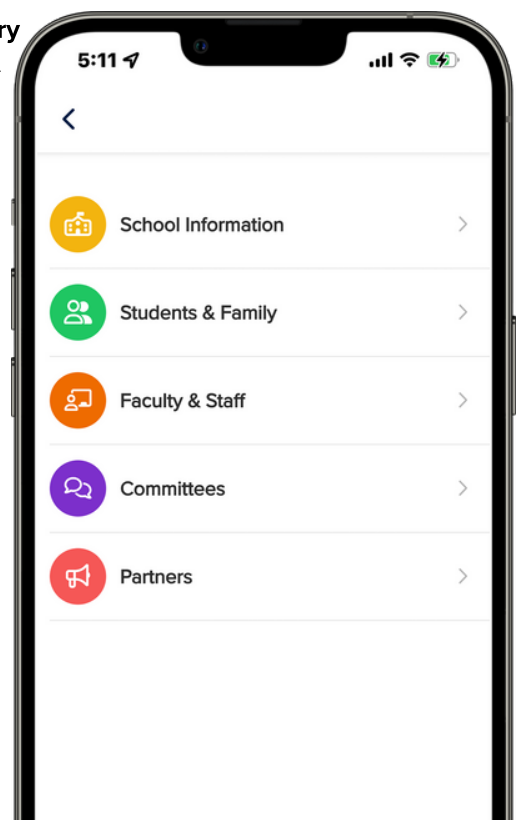
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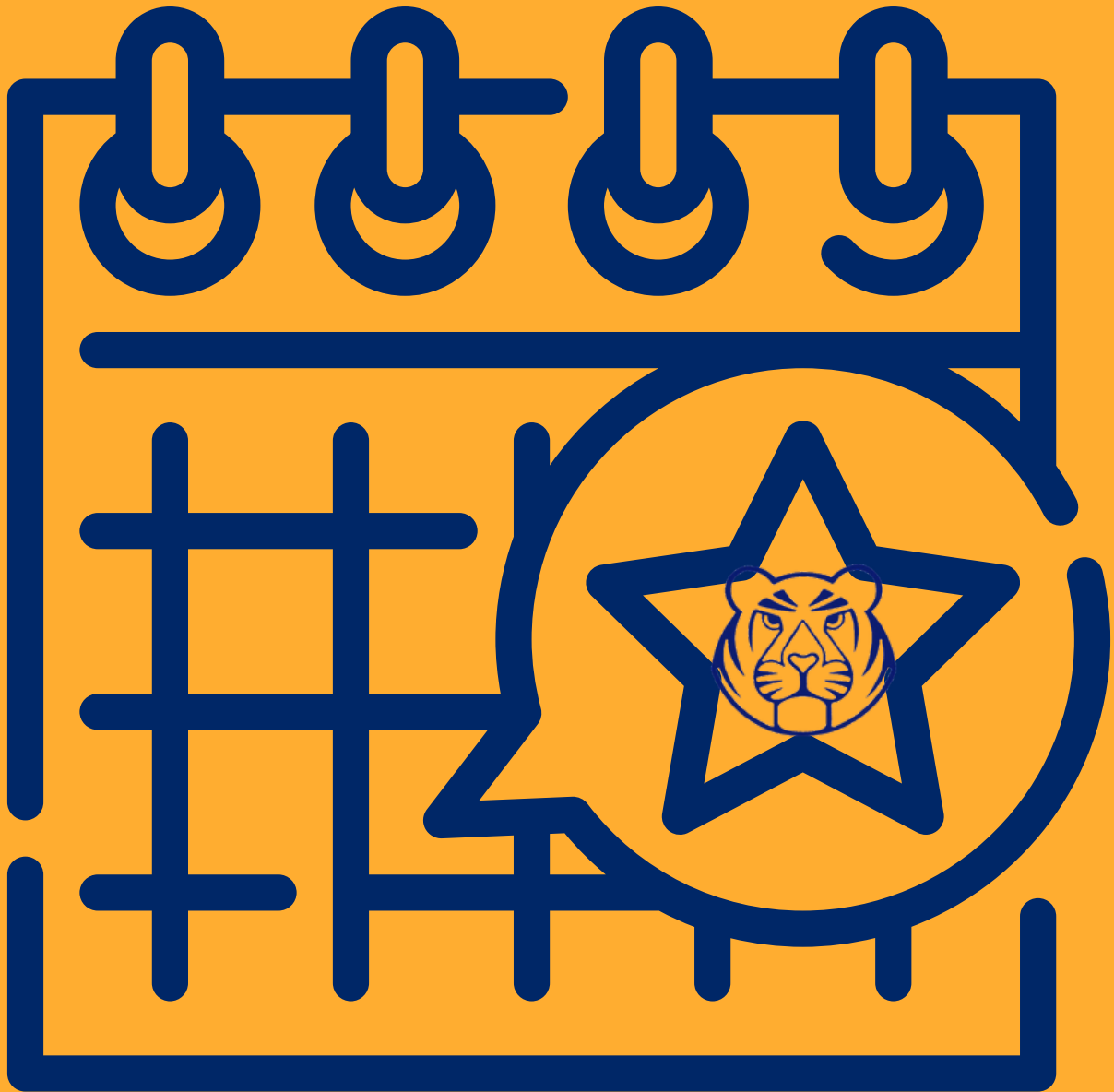
Invite Link: <https://go.groupspot.app/z4xn>

Invite Code: **z4xn**

We look forward to seeing you on GroupSpot!

- Kim Ramirez, President
- Jess Auerbach, Co-Directory Chair
- Jess Vartughian, Co-Directory Chair





Be sure to check the GroupSpot calendar feed for important dates such as General HSA meetings, no-school-days, deadlines, etc.